Stains may be taken from silver with sait, or with whitening mixed with ammonia or alcohol.

-The new breed of fowls, the minor cas, are claimed to be red-faced black spanish, but are hardier than the They lay larger eggs than any other breed of fowls.

-White Cake : One and one-half cupfuls of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one egg, one cupful of sweet milk, three cupfuls of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a little es sence of lemon .- Toledo Blade.

-Try cutting of clover into short lengths, steeping it over night in hot water and feeding to the hogs. It makes a cheap food, but one of the best, not only assisting them in growth but greatly promoting health.

-It is stated that the seed of red cedar will germinate readily if it be treated with lye or strong soapsuds, which will dissolve the gummy covering. After they have been treated in this way it is recommended to rub them with sand.

-Graham Muffins: One pint of graham flour, two tablespoonfuls of melted lard, two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, water or milk to make a batter just thin enough to run, a little salt. Bake fifteen minutes in gem pans in a hot oven .- Chicago Journal.

-A Breakfast Dish: Mix half a pound of cracker crumbs with an equal quantity of finely minced lean boiled ham; moisten this mixture with a little stock or water and butter, adding salt to taste. Put the mixture in a baking dish, make depressions in it the size of an egg and break an egg in each hollow. Bake a *delicate brown in good oven.

-A Western farmer advises stringing seed corn by tying the ears together with husks in some place where the grain can be saturated with coal smoke. The odor, he says, repels squirrels and worms from eating the seeds. The seed comes up quicker, the plants grow more vigorously and ripen several days earlier than from seed not so treated.

-Few cooks broil well, and yet it is the most heathful and acceptable method of cooking meats. A clear fire, made of cinders or coke, is best for cooking with a gridiron, the bars of which should be kept clean and smooth. There should be a space of four or five inches between the top of the fire and the bottom of the gridiron; the latter should be well greased. Good cooks never salt or pepper meats before broiling, as to do so renders it hard and tasteless. Brolling the steak, ham, chops or chicken for a meal should be the last thing done, so it may have the cook's undivided attention. A steel gridiron, with flat, slender bars is best and most convenient for broiling .- The Caterer.

FACTS ABOUT FOWLS.

How the Poultry Yard Can Be Made a Profitable Adjunct to the Farm.

I wish to call attention to the value of milk-sweet, sour, thick or thin-for poultry. Egg production I think is decidedly the most paying result to be obtained from hens, though many birds will need to be raised to sell to replenish layers too old to keep. In January, '85, my fowls had only half enough milk, and I sold from them about fortyfive dozen eggs. In January, '86, we sold almost none; and in the middle of February they were far below their accustomed work. I can attribute this difference to nothing else but lack of milk. The loss, at the time when eggs ever again be without plenty of milk.

Now and then a fowl will die. It may be disease or a hurt from some animal. I heard people say that the sharp particles of bones killed them, and as this looked reasonable I stopped feeding bones. But the number of eggs lessened, and I recommenced the bone-feeding. with evident improvement. Possibly a sharp piece of bone may occasionally kill a fowl, but so it sometimes does a man. Shall we therefore stop eating meat or fish? A mill is advertised for grinding bones for fowls but I do not know about it. I am well satisfied to pound them with the head of a light axe, on a very solid stone high enough for convenience.

I lose a fowl now and then, and do not see how it can be avoided altogether, but the best care will bring the losses down to a minimum, and without this there can not be much profit anywhereit is the little, apparently unimportant, every day neglect that eventually eats into the farmer's purse. A fowl's gizzard must be one of the most marvelous structures, for what do they not put therein. Do not put bones in the fire, for this destroys the best part-grease, gristle, marrow, etc. The hons manage the sharp, hard, angular, flinty particles somehow. How they come at the well-known sound of the poundingrunning, flying, cackling, just as a hungry flock (mine are rarely hungry for feed) do for corn.

Brother farmers, do not forget that millions of eggs are every year imported from France and other countries, and wake up to this easiest, most profitable and most interesting branch of farming. How many farmers keep a drowsy, dejected, forlorn-looking, unprofitable lot of hens? Neighbors and visitors frequently make remarks about my handsome brood. Nothing at all but plenty of any kind of feed, shells, bones, milk, ashes or dust, and all the ranging room they choose. Under these conditions they scarcely damage any thing. A plowed field—repeatedly plowed—is for them a most delightful resort; they fairly chuckle over the luscious morsels that abound everywhere in the freshly turned earth, -S. M. Palmer, in N. Y.

Tribune.

SMUGGLERS' TRICKS.

Various Ways of Introducing Precious Gemi Into the United States. It was stated a few months ago in an American paper that a rich man's wife wore upon her neck and breast every evening precious stones of the value of £40,000, other ladies displaying jewels to a lesser amount. Nor are American ladies free from the charge of smuggling; many of them, indeed, are adepts at the business, able to impart a secret or two to the professionals. During a recent Saratoga season one lady was heard to boast that she had brought over a suit of diamonds in the heels of several pairs of slippers, which she had made on purpose to contain them. These dainty articles were ostentationsly displayed and taken notice of by the searchers; but the heels were not suspected of being hollow or to contain diamonds. Hollow heeled boots were at one time greatly in use as a part of the smuggling machinery. That mode of carrying on the illicit traffic was ulti-mately discovered by an under steward of an American liner, who, for a consideration, communicated the secret to the custom house authorities. Then followed a series of contrivances in the shape of double-bottomed trunks, valises with secret pockets, desks with inside drawers and guns and pistols which were so contrived as to contain a few of the much coveted gems. All these contrivances were in turn discovered; they were just the kind of concealments which the officers had their thoughts fixed upon. Just as the customs authorities were under the impression that they had suppressed the illicit traffic, a new era in gem smuggling was inaugu rated, and more diamonds reached the United States duty free than before. Smuggling, it may be said, developed into fine art; at all events, the incidence of the trade for a brief period became so simple as to seem like child's play;

indeed, children were made to play an important part in the business. A story which lately became public shows how well the modern diamond smugglers had laid to heart Poe's precepts. "Please to hold my baby while my husband helps me to open my trunks; he will be quite good if you will shake his rattle," said a lady passenger to the officer who was waiting to look over her traveling gear. And that officer good-humoredly did as he was requested, shaking the rattle to the great delight of the little one. The rattle in question, which fastened to a ribbon, was tied to the child's wrist, was filled with gems of great value, a mode of smuggling that at the time was too simple for detection. A clever woman, attired in the costume of a Sister of Mercy, was passed over by the officers because she had no luggage worth examining. She possessed, however, a fine string of beads which, with downcast eyes, she kept telling. Safe on land, she was affectionately welcomed by two persons dressed in cos-

her beads were so constructed that each held a diamond weighing seven or eight carats? Another ingenious person hit upon the plan of placing a few precious stones in a toy kaleidescope, which had been given to a child who carried it ashore in safety. A number of homing pigeons, kept in cages and purchased at a village in Belgium and brought to the United States by way of Paris and Havre, also played a profitable part, each pigeon being freighted with a cargo of exquisite gems concealed in quills, and carefully fastened to the message-bearing dove. An extensive and I do not intend that my fowls shall system of diamond smuggling was at one time carried on from Canadia ground by the aid of homing pigeons The discovery of this illicit trade was made accidentally by a farmer, who happened to shoot one of the birds, and on examining it found that there was fastened to its leg a quill containing a number of diamonds! A clew being obtained, the local habitation of the pigeon proprietors was discovered and their mode of business put an end to. The scheme, stated simply, was to fly every week or ten days a flock of a dozen or fifteen pigeons, each carrying about half a dozen gems. As the duty on diamonds amounts to ten per cent. the trouble taken to smuggle these gems in-

tumes similar to her own. Need it be

told that she was a smuggler, and that

payment of the duty .- Chambers' Jour-

to the United States does not seem so

very remarkable. The value of the

stones honestly imported into the United

States is between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,-

000 per annum, and it has been calcu-

-A woman of Rondout, N. Y., proud because she has twenty-one dif ferent kinds of lamps in her house. The next thing in order will be a lamp "ONE BY ONE."

A Direful Avalanche in Every Known Zone, and Thousands of People Crushed by its Pittless Power.

Far up the dizzy Alpine heights, above the line of perpetual frost, where the trilliant glitter of the snow under the midday am seems only to intensify the cold, the Ice King would seem to hold undisputed sway. But even here there is at times a little humidity in the atmosphere of the more sheltered nooks. more sheltered nooks.

The dry snow softens a little, the wind catches it up and tosses it about, and the star-like finkes are rolled into a tiny ball that the footsteps of a child might easily crush. Then comes the rude blast from the mountain top and drives the ball up and down the high valley and across the vast trackless fields of snow and ice. I gathers size and strength at every turn; huge rocky boulders and mountains of ice are imbedded in the now slowly moving avalanche, which sooner or later descends with frightful velocity to the vailey below.

The luckiess village in its pathway is doomed! The air is thick with the falling

doomed! The air is thick with the falling snow! An awful rush! A roar reverberates through the mountains, and the little Swiss hamlet is swept away!

The feregoing is so applicable that we use it as an illustration. As the wind catches up the snow particles on the mountain tors as the heart catches up the mountain tops so the heart catches up the blood as it passes from the kidneys and other organs, and sends it coursing through the system. As it rushes along it drops the uric acid that the unhealthy kidneys have left in the blood in the form of insoluble crystals, causing enlargement of the points and intense inflammation in the sys-tem which is often called acute rheumatem which is often cancal actor ractains. Eventually the joints enlarged by these crystals become stiff and painful. If these crystals are grouped in the liver they are called gallstones, if in the kidneys gravel, if in the biadder calculus or stone.

If this uric acid or kidney poison remains in solution in the blood it circulates the expectation of the content of the content the system country training.

throughout the system, causing irritation, which produces, according to the location of the irritation, pneumonia, consumption, hacking cough, heart disease, inflamma-tions and fevers, akin disorders, paralysis, apoplezy, and makes the system suscep-tible to colds, chills, and all the other common disorders of which uric acid is the

principal cause.

The little child upon the mountain top can crush in its tiny hand the first forma tion of the rushing avalanche.

So, too, the calamitous results noted can be as realily prevented if the right means are used at the right time.

"But how!" our readers may ask.
Listen and we will tell you. It is a fact
of medical science that the kidneys are the chief blood purifiers of the system; the chief blood poisoner is uric acid which the kidneys alone can expel. If the thousand little hair-like sewer tubes of the kidneys, through which the entire blood supply passes the same as through the heart, are diseased they can not separate and expel this poisonous waste matter from the blood. Now, as another matter of scientific fact, disease of these little sewer tubes is more common than of any other delicate part of the boly, and it is because Warner's safe cure, gentle and natural in its action, has such wonderful power in preventing and curing disease of these all-important tubes, that it is recognized as a great scientific specific—a power possessed by no other such remedy on earth. When the kidneys, the only bloodpurifying organs, become inactive and diseased, any disorder to which the sys-tem is most liable may be expected. Then it is that trouble begins, and the doctors fall missages.

doctors fail miserably because they can only treat the effects—the cause is beyond their power! Hence it is that the propriotors of Warner's safe cure claim to cure so many apparently different diseases—it and it alone reaches and cures the cause, and then, of course, the effects disc pear!

We incline to the belief that their theory is correct and so recognized by scientists who have given the subject much study. This frightful disorder is depopulating our homes faster than we are aware of. Like the avalanche of the mountain, it is causing the death of all with whom it comes in contact. It does not sweep away an entire village or hamlet at once, but one an entire village or hamlet at once, but one by one the people succum' to its pittless rower. The final, or terminating, cause may be given another name and be so treated by various "experts," but the cause of all these effects, how many seever they may be, is the same, and for that cause there is but one rational form of treatment. If you do not grush the availanche as it is forming in the manner indicated, it will forming, in the manner indicated, it will

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GRANT AND M'CLELLAN.

The Discovery of a Partnership That Was Almost Concluded. In the examination of the papers left

by the late General McClellan the discovery has been made that he and General Grant, although they had been any thing else than accordant as soldiers, entered into a remarkable partnership as civilians. It was a deeplycherished ambition of Grant's to crown his achievements with the accomplishment of some great enterprise in civic affairs. Among the innumerable schemes that were brought before his attention the one that attracted him the most was the Nicarauga canal project. During General Grant's admin istration a commission was appointed to investigate the several canal projects and to make a report and recommendations. The commission was headed by Admiral Ammen, and in a voluminous report declared that the Nicaragua scheme was the most available. McClellan was to be associated with Grant in the prosecution of the work. Grant was to be the president of the company, and McClellan was to be at the head of the engi-

neering department. The arrangements of the scheme took time, but at last, after numerous conferences, papers were prepared that were satisfactory to all parties. Generals Grant and McClellan met in a New York office to sign them. It should be mentioned incidentally that, with General Grant at the head of the enterprise, the firm of Grant and Ward would naturally have been its financial agents. The papers embodying the agreements received a final scrutiny, and some discussion ensued. Then General McClellan, who held the decuments, passed them to General Grant. The later had taken a pen in his hand to affix his signature, when a messenger entered hurriedly and handed a dispatch to him. It announced the failure of the Marine Bank. The General rose and handing the message to McClellan re-

"In that case I think I had better no sign, for if the Marine Bank has failed

that means Grant & Ward."
Grant & Ward had already failed, but the General had not heard of it. Mc-Clellan looked at the dispatch for a moment and then replied:

"No; in that case I don't believe either of us had better sign, for I don't believe either you or I want to be found in the assets of Grant & Ward."

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